



MISSISSIPPI
SECRETARY OF STATE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI MISSISSIPPI OIL AND GAS BOARD

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule 7 of the Statewide Rules and Regulations of the State Oil and Gas Board: Section 53-1-17 of the Mississippi Code of 1972

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Rule 7 of the Statewide Rules and Regulations of the Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:

The Mississippi Oil and Gas Board proposes to amend Statewide Rule 7 by adding a new Paragraph 6, as follows (**changes noted by bold print**):

6. The drilling unit that is established for an oil well under this rule or any other applicable Statewide Rule or Special Field Rule shall remain in existence and effect for the period of time set forth below, unless an earlier alteration (reformation) or termination of the unit occurs pursuant to an order of the Board:
 - (a) The unit shall automatically terminate if and when the drilling permit for the well terminates.
 - (b) The unit shall automatically terminate if and when the well is plugged or converted to a Class II well.
 - (c) This rule shall not apply to any unit that is established under Miss. Code Ann. Section 53-3-101 through -119.
 - (d) For good cause shown, the Board may alter, reform or dissolve units or grant exception(s) to the foregoing rules, after notice and hearing.

The sixth paragraph which has been added is to provide an answer to the long-standing question of when does the unit for a well cease to exist. A number of people have asked for this provision so they can better plan additional development in older fields.

A copy of the proposed amended Statewide Rule 7 is attached hereto (**changes noted by bold print**).

This rule is proposed as a ☒ Final Rule, and/or a ☐ Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxes as applicable.)